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FOR S/S TARNOFF

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICA: SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION AT BRITISH
EMBASSY

1. YOU SHOULD TELL MOOSE AND MAYNES THAT THE SECRETARY
DISCUSSED SOUTHERN AFRICA AT DINNER ON MARCH 27, WITH
CALLAGHAN AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR. WITH RESPECT TO
RHODESIA, THE SECRETARY DESCRIBED NYERERE'S PROPOSAL
THAT THE MALTAPARTIES MEET FIRST, FOLLOWED BY AN ALL
PARTIES GATHERING. CALLAGHAN REMARKED "GOOD LUCK; LET'S SEE
IF HE CAN PRODUCE," BUT INDICATED NO OPPOSITION TO THE APPROACH.

2. CONCERNING NAMIBIA, THE SECRETARY DESCRIBED THE NEED
FOR A WALVIS BAY FORMULA AND CALLAGHAN AND THAT WE OUGHT
TO BE ABLE TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE WHICH WILL HELP TO MEET SWAPO'S
CONCERNS. CALLAGHAN ASKED JAY TO SEND A MESSAGE TO LONDON FOR
REVIEW BY EXPERTS AND REFERRED AS WELL CONSIDERATION OF CHAPTER
SEVEN. THE SECRETARY AND LABOYLAYE ARGUED WITH CALLAGHAN THAT WE
OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO STATE PRECISELY HOW FAR WE ARE PREPARED TO GO
UNDER CHAPTER SEVEN AND SAY THAT WE WILL GO NO FURTHER. THUS, WE
WOULD
MISLEAD NO ONE ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS.

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3. LABOULAYE IS ALSO SENDING A MESSAGE TO PARIS. VON STUDEN WAS
PRESENT AT DINNER BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONVERSATION.

4. THE SECRETARY DISCUSSED ERW WITH CALLAGHAN AND HAS
REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT. HE DID NOT WANT TO DEBRIEF
OR HAVE ME SEND WORD.

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